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**CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF THE FERGUSON FAMILY OF  
WASHINGTON AND ORANGE COUNTIES, INDIANA, INCLUDING  
WILLIAM H. FERGUSON AND HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW THOMAS S.  
LEWIS, BOTH OF COMPANY A, 38TH INDIANA INFANTRY**

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○ The William H. Ferguson letters are from my uncle; who was killed in the battle of Stones River near Murphreesboro, Tenn. on Dec. 31, 1862. He was the son of Wm. S. and Sarah Archer Ferguson. His brothers were: Samuel, John A., James C., David Andrew, Jesse M., and Zachariah Taylor Ferguson. The latter was my father. He had one sister, (Harriet N. (Ferguson) Lewis; wife of Thomas S. Lewis.

Thomas S. Lewis died while serving in the Civil War. I think the date was Oct. 5, 1862. I have no record of where either one was buried. I checked the records at National Military Cemetery at Murphreesboro, but neither was listed there.

John A. Ferguson listed above is the father of Wm. H. Ferguson of Pekin, Ind. who is one of the directors of The Washington County Historical Society.

I want a copy of these papers to send to The Wash. Co. Historical Soc. to be credited to their contributions to the Sesqui-sentennial contest.

I was born in Orange County, but lived near Salem for several years, therefore I am interested in Orange and Washington Counties.

My grandparents were Wm. Scott and Sarah (Archer) Ferguson.

○ My great grandparents were Jesse and Sally (Scott) Ferguson.

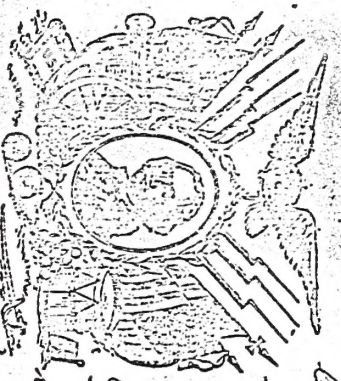
Jesse Ferguson was born in Virginia. He served seven years in the Army and never saw any of his family afterwards. I am interested in learning something about his parents or other members of the family. He was born about 1773.

○ Wm. Ferguson + I are writing the history of our family.

Austa Ferguson McAninch,



Covington, La.  
Sept 21 1865



Dear mother

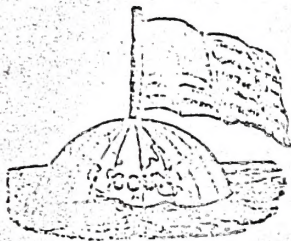
WASHINGTON.

I feel my self to  
be one of the  
most useful of  
the people of  
this country. I  
am now in the  
army and I am  
glad to hear from  
you. I am now  
in the army and  
I am glad to hear  
from you. I am  
now in the army  
and I am glad to  
hear from you.









DESIGNED BY JAMES O'NEIL, 1861  
"The Union of Lakes and the  
Union of Lands—  
The Union of States whom  
can sever?"

The Union of Hearts and the  
Union of Hands  
And the Flag of our Union  
Forever!"

# UNION!

Camp. Muldraugh  
Harden Co., Ky

Oct. 18. 1861

Dear Mother Brothers  
and Sisters I take my

pen in hand to answer

your letter which I first received.

I was more than glad to hear  
from you. I received Samuel's

letter this morning and Martins  
to night. I am well as common.

and in good heart I think we  
will be at home to take

Christmas dinner with you.



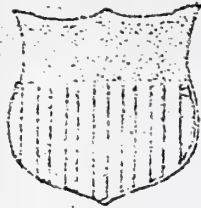
and then we can eat your Shanghai. I must tell you we have some thick <sup>fat</sup> <sup>meat</sup> <sup>pieces</sup> which I have chosen to give you. I mean to give you a piece of Shanghai but I mean to have the most valuable piece of meat. I mean to give you a piece of Shanghai but I mean to have the most valuable piece of meat. I mean to give you a piece of Shanghai but I mean to have the most valuable piece of meat.

order I want you to do the  
best you can for me collect  
it if you can and keep it un-  
till I come home don't send  
it to me I will write to you  
if need it or for fully as well  
as I expect when I write  
no I tell you we have some  
felly fellows here sometimes  
arent you there said I have  
nothing very interesting to  
write in write often and  
let me know how you are  
getting along there are  
one sick fellow in our company  
they are all but and full and  
since I was in there do better  
me it is getting late and  
I am sleepy for a good night  
not write and will now see  
Birmingham and I will try and  
write and hear we will



but i will never <sup>quit</sup> be so  
tired to answer a letter from  
any of you my love be with  
you all William M. Ferguson  
To Jesse M. Ferguson  
yours as ever Thos. S. Lewis  
I sent my glass home from  
New Albany and you never  
said any thing in your letters  
about getting them if you  
have not got them they  
are lost. I send the copy  
of my Batchel in this letter





"Fear not ABRAHAM, for I am  
thy SHIELD, and exceeding great  
reward."—Gen. xv. 1.

November the 11<sup>th</sup>  
1861 Dear Brothers, I  
Sit my self down  
in answer to a kind  
letter that I received yesterday  
you stated that you was all  
well at that time. I am  
well as common at this time  
hoping, when these hard times  
comes to hand they may find  
you all well and doing well  
you wanted to know how  
many Company we had  
I can't tell you how many  
we have got for we are  
~~attached to the 1st~~  
and there is lots of Company  
and we moved about  
one mile yesterday to  
the South Side of Holm  
our Camp become very  
Sickly where we was and  
we moved for our health.



and had two men to help in  
our transport but not one  
of us was in our company  
so we were obliged to  
go without. I think I have  
told him this morning he  
will come on Saturday he  
wants and they then will have  
him out home in a wagon  
he will drive there on Saturday  
and the health of our company  
is not good owing to the  
wet weather and sleeping  
on the wet ground it  
is now being this day and  
it makes it very uncomfortable  
They the same at the house is  
not at all ill at present  
I hope to see him again  
I intend to know what  
kind of ground he had when  
he was in the field. They will  
be at the mine tomorrow  
they have long trucks

I want you to write  
all about the gold mine  
they have in and how they  
take about no difficulties in  
them. They want to see it  
I will go with you  
my opinion of the field is  
that you should see it  
there is not so many  
crops in as wheat. There are  
they will bring like wheat  
they are much better you will  
see and had better see it  
to the end and I will  
let of the report of some  
of them going. I expect  
they will see you all very  
well but I know there  
is no chance and I don't  
will have to do the best  
I can and I want you  
to do too. Let me see  
how I can come. So I  
shall try to come very soon  
I am thinking of it  
I am thinking of it  
I am thinking of it



Dr. John A. Ferguson

Thomas S. Sears Esq. John

and Samuel Ferguson

and all the rest of the

family you wrote to

few lines in Williams

like you said you would

move Harriet as soon she

got her bags but I am

glad to hear that you are

taking good care of her

and the children. John

I received a letter from

Harriet yesterday and in

it was a little letter

with 3 stamps the letter

said something about

my, Elsie and I. I don't

read the big letter at all

and I want her to write

something I can read

and then I will answer it



My dear friend,  
I have just received your letter  
and am glad to hear from you.  
I am well and hope these few lines  
will find you the same.

LIBERTY—ENJOY  
I am very glad to hear that  
you are all well and doing well.  
I have not received a  
letter from you in more  
than a week and we do  
want you to write often.  
I am sure you will find it  
as pleasant as it is to us.  
You may think that



is a day or two and  
nothing done but you  
are under no necessity  
to expect it. Several meetings

write when Paul  
is bound to come in  
the last time now in the  
general about after we start

we have nothing  
to say and no meeting  
of the kind a week and if  
I think we are better than

also we come in long but  
I will write when I return  
and then I expect  
you to let her come for my

secret you to pay all the  
attention to her and the  
children that you can and  
my little friends will be

get to see my wife and  
each get her is a house  
to see more of you and  
you must let them

in of which wants to  
know if you will come  
let her come and this must  
be my own little

you must let them  
know if you will come  
let her come and this must  
be my own little



Like to see you all soon  
that time we can't tell  
you when we will have  
a battle or when we will  
be here we are looking  
every day for to be moved  
to Burlington. and then  
we will have a battle  
and then we will have  
something to write to  
you if we are not num-  
bered with the dead we  
will send each other news  
if either of us get killed  
please send this to your  
mother Wm Ferguson  
and Thomas S. Jarvis. So  
Sincerely  
S. L. Thurman





REMEMBER ELLSWORTH.

April the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1862

Dear brother, I received  
your kind letter this  
Evening, being date  
April the 17<sup>th</sup> 1862

which gave me great  
Satisfaction to hear that you  
was well. those few lines leave  
me well and well satisfied  
thinking that peace will soon  
be made the health is tolerable  
good in Tennessee most this is  
the best Country I ever saw  
it is too pretty to look at  
most I no I have not writ  
as often as I mite. but you  
know I cant write very  
well and it is a job for  
me to write to letter and I  
want you to write oftener



and done them, it is, however, that I never had from you a friend of your own and thank you very much for going to write it and never came there else and that John had divided off West and had done well in the thing. I am glad that Sarah, J. H. Gibson and those in especially, as a strong service to the Phillips is that I had not been very well that it is not mine if it and I have got the heart to pay back for it and that all I can do will try to get out of it you say you never got but two letters from me. I think I have written you one dozen or more and at least

Washed now and how long we will stay, had I not know we are under nothing, also all the time. I believe we will get home in two months from now and then I will help but the thing is high to be I have nothing of importance to write this time. I want you to write often and let me know all about what is going on there so I will be able to say I remain your devoted friend I believe until death William M. Chapman, D. D. Fells, W. Chapman, must be well and as for as I have and I want you to write to me. Good, I believe so good by must this time





REMEMBER ELLSWORTH.

Know that we will  
get hope when they feel  
their bones to break  
may find you all with  
us are still waiting for  
the rest of our men get  
a little more on the beach  
with our regiments  
and now we are at  
as there will make  
the rest of the troops  
and then that  
will be left behind  
and we will be



It is not easy  
to find you here.  
I have been  
looking for you  
everywhere.  
I hope you  
will be home  
soon. I am  
very anxious  
to see you.  
I am sure you  
will be glad  
to hear from  
me. I am  
very much  
affectionately  
yours.

I am sure you  
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affectionately  
yours.

William H. Ferguson  
Chickwell, Tenn  
33 Regent Road



June 18, 1862 From Will  
Ferguson & Thomas Lewis



LIBERTY-BELL

I am glad that you  
are keeping the hogs and  
horses so well keep on  
harriet and do the best  
you can and I will  
kiss you a thousand  
times when I get home  
for it. Dear I. I drew my  
money yesterday and I think  
we will draw a gain in three  
weeks. I don't want to send  
any home until I draw again  
unless you are obliged to have  
some money if you are write  
and I will send it to you  
I want John to roll old Jo  
dougherty and make him  
pay it tell your mother  
and the boys that I have  
not forgot them yet



often and I will answer  
them I expect you would  
all like to see me so would  
I like to see you but there  
is no chance to get to furber  
but I think this little  
war will soon be over  
and then we will all come  
home and drink your pans  
untill they are hoar you  
may depend we won't work  
for some time but we are  
going to help the slaves and  
to sell some things on  
honey, untill we make ovens  
go. Somers you better believe  
so I must close by asking  
you to write give my love  
and respects to all  
Mr. W. Harrison, Mr. Marsh, Mr.  
Harrison and brother the end





Camp Edgfield  
Dec 10/18/60  
Respected Brothers &

KENTUCKY.

am well up to this time  
hoping the few lines may find  
you enjoying the same. I like  
to hear nothing of importance  
to write me left Edgfield this  
morning and moved off with  
the birds four miles south  
of Nashville I can not tell  
you how long we will  
stay here you said some-  
thing about sending my over-  
coat and blanket I don't  
want you to send them I  
want you to send my hats  
by Joseph Ferguson if you  
can John and if you  
can't send them by Joseph

but I will let  
your letters show  
to whatever son  
of your kind from  
his own family

We be kind out of the way  
whether he has the best

very badly and even so  
and still and if he has

if you see not them and send  
them with William D. will

believe you and you will send  
them to the friends of the  
to William D. will

William D. will

if you see not them and send  
them with William D. will

and I am sure you will  
send them to the friends of the

William D. will

and I am sure you will  
send them to the friends of the

William D. will

we shall be sure to  
to write that we will  
the are happy and will  
be sure to write to you

and we will be sure to  
to write that we will  
the are happy and will  
be sure to write to you

and we will be sure to  
to write that we will  
the are happy and will  
be sure to write to you

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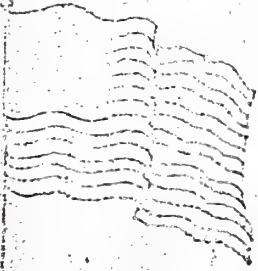
Oct. the 25<sup>th</sup> 1861  
Camp near Hudson Co. Ky. Dear  
wife and children. I received your  
kind letter which was dated the  
20<sup>th</sup> 1861 written by all of  
the family. I had a little touch of  
the Colic and Rheumatism when it  
came to camp. It was quite a little  
and I had laid down to try  
to get better. When I lay down  
to my tent and said to my  
wife is a letter for you. I threw  
off my blanket and hoped up  
and read it with tears in my  
eyes. It cured me of the Colic. And  
I am now sitting in the woods  
on pickering yard as well as some more  
my dear O standing yard is the  
nicest work I have it do  
for the night is pretty cold and  
we can't have any fire in the





would tell our little  
children when they are  
gathered around you that  
their father is well and  
wants them to mind you  
I am glad that you are taking  
good care of my fine boys. Tell  
your mother if William  
is killed or hurt with  
gentleness to me to hear and  
he says he will come. he is  
well and healthy now and  
is anxious to hear from  
home. Harriet, I don't want  
you to expose your self carrying  
him nor would you did not  
say anything about it to you  
and Don must come  
back to Cal. when this  
you see perhaps we you  
don't know. Thomas S. Lewis  
H. Harriet S. Lewis

Liberty and Union, Now and Forever.



January, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1862  
dear wife and children  
with an astonished  
mind I sit down

Flag of the free heart's hope and home!  
By angel hands to valor given,  
The stars have lit the welkin dome,  
And all the hues were born in heaven—  
Forever float that standard sheet!  
Where breathes the foe but falls before us,  
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,  
And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us.

Jno. H. Nuneacher,  
New Albany, Ind.

in answer to a  
letter that I just  
received from you  
bringing the move  
ful tidings of father's house  
being burnt and your saddle  
that was something that I  
take to heart it troubles me  
to my very heart to think  
my father and mother is turn-  
ing out of doors in their old age  
you wrote you was all  
well this leaves me well  
all but the head ache  
and I took that since  
I read your letter I thought  
you had forgot me this is



for letters if have written  
you since I came back and  
received one from you and  
it was very small it did  
not give the particulars of  
the fire how it went & an-  
saged to what extent became  
of them and how it went  
on fire I want you to write  
of time and tell me all the  
particulars of the neighborhood  
and how you are getting on  
long and how very little fire  
has with out me and how  
you do with out me you  
will answer me would that  
I wrote to you in my letter  
you wrote that John Lee  
had paid you twenty dollars  
and had paid the old note  
and gave it over me that  
and all write enough the  
note that is in hand and nothing

has got but I think the  
health is better than it was  
when I came back to camp  
every day is like but not long  
and yet I think it is the  
side-spleen I have to sleep  
in any thing else I have  
back to camp but later  
back and that is pretty well  
but I can stand it since but  
I had rather I have a good  
feather bed and you know the  
me and then I would be all  
bed in the case I would stand  
that by William it follows  
he is coming home once  
to write immediately and  
more of it the talk is that  
we have to fight this winter  
and which I am ready  
if you are to be left without  
I have you want to know it

tell your mother that  
William is well and hearty  
and I can't get him to  
write he is washing the  
dishes at this time sitting  
close to me he says he  
has not forgot none of you  
yet nor don't expect too  
I send my best respects  
to your mother and all  
your brothers and tell them  
to write to me if they  
please. James Segarden is  
thought to be a little better  
this evening his father is  
with him yet so, James  
came to a close by begin-  
ning you to write when this  
you see remember me  
when this you see  
write to me H. J. Lewis  
So Harriet A. Lewis  
good by honey to write.





at the 11th of

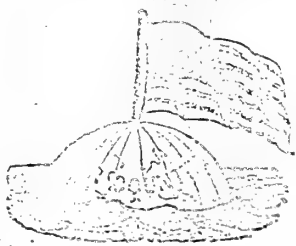
Jan. 1871

Dear Mr. My dear wife and children  
I just received your kind letter  
which gave me great satisfaction  
to hear from you and  
quite sorrow to hear that you  
had been sick you wrote that  
the stock was in the corn at  
the time and you were going to  
move as quick as you could  
and that David would not  
mind one thing that you  
told him I want you to  
make him mind you or  
whip him every day you  
said father was mad because  
John had the harrow the  
harrow is mine and I want  
you to lend it to who you  
please. I want you to





and much when I look at her  
and put up my hand and  
touch it always and I wish I  
could kiss her here just  
now to see her face it  
was Lewis' days I remember  
that he would come  
to see her and I wish I  
could see her it was a  
meeting when she got the  
news is now gone back home  
if you can't do without  
seeing me just come and  
see me for I want to come  
to see you. I don't want  
you to forget me I want  
to be satisfied that I will get  
to see you ~~to~~ once more  
and only think I can write  
often and tell the boys  
to write to me. I hope  
will bid you farewell  
Thomas W. Lewis  
The Friends of Lewis



DESIGNED BY JAMES GATES, JR.  
 -The Union of Lakes and the  
 Union of Lands—  
 The Union of States none  
 can sever—  
 The Union of Hearts and the  
 Union of Hands  
 And the Flag of our Union  
 Forever—

# UNION!

Oct. 6, 1861

Camp. Waldenough  
 Will. Warren Co

My Dear wife and  
 Children, I received  
 your kind letter

which gave me great satisfaction  
 To hear from you & hear that  
 you was all well you wrote  
 that you had wrote five letters  
 to me my dear, I never received  
 but two Samuel wrote one  
 and Mary Ann Fitzpatrick  
 the other. I can't express to  
 you my heart broken feelings  
 when I heard you started to  
 see me but I wish you to be  
 and you brought yourself  
 almost in my arms and had  
 to start back with your heart  
 filled with the thoughts.



that you were never yet. The  
the in my heart of heart want to  
want to think that and that  
you will be never get the same  
me in your arms I am in hope  
you will but if you don't agree  
I must be the first under  
in that corner that have stood  
to my father's kind husband  
my heart I expect we will have  
us but the deal in a few days that  
my whole heart is in the world  
for my pleasure my whole  
thoughts is upon it, as if my  
wife are my kindest of friends  
is, my dear wife and daughter  
children will do as they please  
and saying what is for my  
dear beloved ones my heart  
is with you I will continue  
your children for me and your  
mother and sister I want

you to give fifteen good pounds  
and have them in the abundance  
of the Lord. I want you to live  
as happy as possible with her, I,  
live in get killed you, write  
to know how much tobacco  
you findings got it was 20 lbs  
at 25 to 30 pound and 20 lbs  
at 10 to 15 pound but it  
gives me eleven to, think  
of the bill is 20 dollars, I will  
not think it was more  
than half that much  
but don't you pay it  
till the winter set in  
I have more, I want  
to, you to send me some  
money and you did not pay any  
thing about it in your last  
letter, I want you to  
write at Lancaster for me  
I hope for small drink too in

in a few days I want you to  
write every week and let  
me know whether you are  
all well or not and what  
you have done with the stock  
and farm. I want you to  
collect all the debts you can  
and live on it - get on as  
yourself and children. I don't  
want want you to suffer  
when you can get money to  
live on. I can't write any  
more the boys want to go  
to bed. William Ferguson  
is well. So no more at present  
but remain your affectional  
husband until death

Thomas S. Lewis  
Harriet Lewis





Camp Morehead. April the 19th  
20. 1862 Sunday morning in my  
tent and it is raining and it has been for  
two days I cant get no letter from you  
and I thought I would write you  
another and see if you will answer it  
Dear wife and Children those few  
lines leave me well with a sincere  
hope they will find you enjoying the  
same good health I havent received  
a letter from you in nearly two weeks  
and I am getting uneasy for fear some  
of you are sick I sent you a letter  
and twenty dollars by A. G. Foster  
and have never heard from you since  
and before that I sent my overcoat  
and blanket to Orleans and I  
have never heard from them

I don't want you to be so regretful  
the rest is the Lord don't throw into  
and blankets and money then by the  
same emergency and they have got  
meets several days to go if an epidemic  
is you for being so regretful as you  
don't get no body to write for you  
on all the too if I can myself. Better you  
wait since to collect that too dollars  
that you paid on that loan of provision  
and send it to you for you stand in  
need of it very badly now I have  
collected some, oh it and if you will  
put nothing to me oh don't it if  
will send you too dollars next  
time we have if thought, I had  
sent you money enough to  
do you I have sent you directly  
five dollars since I have been  
in the army and that with the

better, I could do - but I will stand  
 you - that too tells when even I  
 know I can't leave when that will  
 be said - Father-in-law and Bishop  
 Malmberg have been absent yesterday  
 and they brought no news from  
 you. Dr. J. just fell, like I, on  
 yesterday. I, on, to have three hundred  
 miles from home. But I have the  
 same feelings that I had when  
 I was at home some times I think  
 I can't never write another letter  
 home while I am in the desert  
 yet when I send anything home  
 I never can find how it got to  
 me - it is made of dust so that  
 to hurt your feelings for it is  
 just so, I can't tell when we  
 will leave here we are ready  
 at any time and we probably get



order every hour to go to reinforce  
general Buell at Corinth. I have  
nothing of importance to write  
I would like to see you all very  
well and have some talk with  
you tell your mother that  
William is well and hearty  
and I. Cant. get him to write  
no oftener he says it is foolishness  
to be otherwise writing tell her  
if he gets killed or wounded I  
will write to her immediately  
if my life is spared we have  
slept together every night we  
joined the army So I must  
close by asking you to write  
- Thomas, S. Lewis to

Barriett, N. Lewis and  
friend

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1861

Camp Allen, Garden Co., Neb.

Dear wife and children, I take

to place this morning of  
dipping my dearest one about  
time to let her know that I  
am well and doing the best  
I can. I have not received  
a letter from you for several  
days and I thought I would  
let it in sight to hear from  
you. My dear wife, I received  
a letter from father yesterday  
and he said you still all well.  
He and you are all well.  
and doing well as could be  
expected. I wrote him this  
letter and he said I did  
not get any of them. I don't  
know what he had means  
and must get over it.



[illegible]

Now when we expect to  
have a battle if I know you  
wanted to come and see  
white bad you should come  
you could come in two days  
on the cars there is several  
women <sup>come</sup> from India to see  
these men and want back

I am a good but better than  
they are something that they  
were once before W. G. must  
tell by saying when this you  
see remember me tell your  
mother that William is well  
and kindly get your letter

To camp near home

Yours truly  
Capt. W. G. Shaker

Thomas B. Garrison  
K. M. Lewis



Oct. the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1861. Hamilton  
Co. Reg. Camp. My dear wife  
and children I received your  
kind letter a few minutes ago  
and I am sure that you  
know it is the first letter  
that your mother has wrote  
to me I was very glad to hear  
that you was all well your mother  
thinks David is not getting on  
well and she is walking every  
where now you don't know how  
well I want to see you all. I  
am well at this time and will  
soon be well and received two  
letters last Sunday from home  
you wanted me to write often  
I will do much now. I expect  
you are still paying the postage  
on them I write at least  
3 letters a week to you

The whole got in to some  
 extent against the entrance  
 of the British, will tell you  
 when I think of will we be  
 some time before they shall  
 be able to come for their  
 goods and when we will come  
 when they if you get it off  
 will send it you you will  
 have got some and not be  
 one of the best of the world is  
 any more and I think  
 any thing of the world but  
 what is a little more like  
 we would like to have you  
 and what and much but  
 what is in the world we are  
 what is the world and what is  
 the world of a moment to coming  
 the world to the little piece  
 of what you to the world of the  
 as you can get it and what we  
 have you when to the little

my, try, & pretty fast if he can  
help him self, and if  
and with the same-ful you must  
allow me to feel you a little at  
distance from, I ought to see  
you my dear I want you to  
not to be afraid I will not think  
let the work go on some point  
get the children some shoes  
and be quick to get your little  
shoes to and if you can't pay  
for them, I will send you  
some money when I think  
that I will know when that  
will be it & every body  
say today, I think it will  
rain soon. And you must  
be know if I had, I am enough  
and have, as much the more  
than being out of school is pretty  
thought a little longer than  
I got it home and that I am  
but enough you know



it is now dark and I have to  
finish by a candle we have  
drawed over blankets now  
and we will sleep warm  
we have a good straw bed  
but no tick we have no  
ticks making up our bed up  
a morning, I would like to  
know whether B. J. Garrison  
has paid you yet or not his  
account was 1 1/2 dollars and  
John Phillips took 6 dollars and  
fifty cts for what I owed him  
that would leave 1 dollar and  
fifty cts behind has John  
paid you yet has James Smith  
paid you I want you to  
get my tax paid in Iowa  
before spring or it will  
be sold get some body to  
attend to it for you when  
this you see remember me  
Thomas S. Lewis to Harriet Lee

Liberty and Union, Now and Forever.



Who said that the stars on our banner were dim,  
That their glory had faded away?  
Look up and behold, how bright, through each fold,  
They are flashing and smiling to-day.  
A few wandering meteors only have paled,  
They shot from their places on high;  
But the first and the best still illumine the blue,  
And with, while others go by!

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1862

JNO. H. NICHOLS,  
Stationer,  
New Albany, Ind.

Dear wife and children I  
sent my self with great  
respects to you all in  
answer to a letter that  
I received last Saturday  
and I would answered sooner  
but I was on post guard  
at camp when it came  
and on Sunday we had to go  
out on picket and returned  
back to camp Monday morn  
and you must excuse me  
for not writing sooner and  
my bad Cerebling to for I  
have lost three days sleep  
hard running. I got a letter  
from W. Morrison a few  
minutes ago and he said

you never told when she got  
her letter and you were  
all well and quite sick up  
I will tell myself and in  
better health now than  
I have been in two months.  
My nurse than I am strong  
and of course, hope when  
these few lines come to hand  
they may find you all enjoy-  
ing the same like blessing  
and better if possible for my  
sister is well you shall  
is sure on both that it  
would give you yet more  
comfort that you had doubt  
and these letters I haven't  
got but too you must be  
understand this is true I  
have said you and he said  
but too underdoubt; I  
say you to if I were there  
I could tell you something

were than I can write tell  
your mother and your father  
that William is well and  
happy and for them to not  
be uneasy. I love him for  
he is happy and well and I  
want get him to write  
if possible if little. I have  
is well and I got me yet  
I would like to see you all  
but I can't until we get  
this little job of the writing  
done then we can have the  
pleasure of meeting once  
more then I can tell  
you in my arms and tell  
you how I am and still  
we have not got our money  
yet and we are not yet  
well and I don't know yet  
whether I shall go to France  
I don't want to go  
to see him yet my dear



I haven't much opportunity  
now to write at all.  
It is raining very hard  
today at noon. The  
river is very high at this  
time you wanted to  
know if they would  
let me write my letters  
there are all water.  
If you was here to see  
how deep the mud is here  
it is about boat top  
deep all over the camp  
and then I could get  
a kiss as long as my arm  
from you. Harriet I will  
have to come to school  
and lie down on my  
fresh bed and take a nap.  
Thomas C. Lewis Jr.  
Harriet C. Lewis  
fare well to all lovers

Oct. 13, 1861.

Dear Husband I once more  
embrace the opportunity of  
sitting you a few lines to  
let you see that I and  
the children are well and  
I do hope these few lines may  
reach you and find you  
well and on the land among  
the living I assure you  
kind letter and I was more  
than glad to hear from you  
but I was anxious to hear  
that you had received marching  
orders with the expectation  
of a battle as soon as you  
landed but hope the good  
lord that you have put  
your trust in will direct  
and save you all from  
the balls of the enemy

The end of the letter

There is no longer  
a help in your direction  
I think it is more than  
likely that you will find  
some one in your path  
who is like there is  
here and it is not  
likely that you will  
find one who will  
not be with you all

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a help in your direction  
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likely that you will find  
some one in your path  
who is like there is  
here and it is not  
likely that you will  
find one who will  
not be with you all



to you but I can't get any  
sent and I don't want  
you to think hard of me  
I don't think I did not try to  
write any to send you Thomas  
justy wants me to send  
the place and give possession  
rite of it but I want you  
to write it I want you to tell  
me in your next letter what  
you want me to do with  
the place I expect to go to  
mother about Christmas as  
we talked of before you left  
till William the boys have  
all rit to him and they have  
never got an answer from  
him yet Mother is all most  
crazy to hear from him  
Thomas if he has got the money  
about dollar I will send in

Southers wants you to see Bro H. Baker and engage him to speak  
his funeral. Camp Wood ~~Nov 4~~ 1862  
G. J. Lewis

Dr Friend I received your favor of  
the 2d today. I was glad to learn of your recovery.  
I did not believe you was very dangerous when you  
left. our Capt- has not been able to take charge of  
the company since his return. Lewis Wags has been  
summed to try the realities of the future world  
never will rellie disturb his slumbers until  
the Angel of God calls the dead from their  
graves, you cannot tell how had it mased  
my heart to see how many of our brave men  
who enlisted to fight with us ~~they~~ have been  
called by one whose ways are past finding out  
to another world and let us trust a better one.  
Lewis was a noble young man his was a true  
heart, and Thomas you know how he was  
treated and that young lady that she was  
engaged to she has my warmest sympathies  
she has lost a friend that is worthy of her tears.  
he has answered at his last call in this  
world. the health of our Regt- continues about  
the same. I M. Hobson & G. Apple have returned

we sent Elias Smith Eli Lumberg M<sup>r</sup> Haven  
and Alonzo Bridgewater to Louisville yesterday  
Oliver Meris is very sick So Legarden and  
Sidney Bishop are complaining Cronbey  
he thinks he has the consumption but you  
know he looks hardly this is all the sick  
we have <sup>Capt</sup> Williams lost another one of his men  
since you left - the Road Bridge was completed  
yesterday the Cans river crosses the River I.  
do not know when we will get away from  
hear of one thing we are short of Buckner  
will never attack us. we elected our  
adjutant Major. if Capt - M had not  
acted the d - f - he could have got it  
I could get the Adjutants place but I  
prefer the one I have as there is a prospect  
speedy promotion in the event our Capt  
concludes to emigrate I made out (or rather  
we Webb Francis & Southern did) our pay roll  
if any of our boys that are at home want  
to draw their pay they ought to send a power  
of attorney to some of us and we can then  
send it to them I guess we will get our  
pay in 2 or 3 or 3 or 4 or 4 or 6 weeks and this is  
about as near as I can guess at it Francis  
was aware by your granting as he thought but it  
proved to be Wiley he thinks you must belong to a  
granting family I send these Compliments  
Yours Humble servant during the war  
L W Webb



all that the  
 children can  
 think of exhibit  
 every all telling  
 of exhibiting the  
 best what they are  
 wishing you  
 will also have  
 this time come  
 and also see  
 meet by where

mother

(Maudlin)  
 Friend's children

to daughter

Rachel Clavin (Clara)

(Johnson) (Johnson)

Grandmother of Aunt  
 Thomas McQuinn

the large flower  
 of the garden  
 the pink  
 is the pink  
 the pink

in the that with you, you are  
 I want you to have the same  
 you want it and hope you do, and  
 to let him and me about and  
 you to suffer for nothing in the  
 I don't know you if I think of  
 as to with you in the world  
 now in and that's all the same

must be true and you know  
 I want you to have the same  
 to let him and me about and  
 you to suffer for nothing in the  
 I don't know you if I think of  
 as to with you in the world  
 now in and that's all the same

Dec 22, 1882  
Dear Stephen  
I will attempt to  
scrawl you a few  
lines as I am  
very busy with some  
other work. I will come  
over and see you  
for dinner a  
few days later.  
I am very  
truly yours  
and  
your  
friend  
J. H. P.

from with the same in fact at the moment  
and that is all that is left to be done  
to get the thing done and done with the  
other, is for nothing. The person who is  
if will it you know that we have the  
for the same of addition and they say we  
will have it again. Now, if that is the case  
to show you that more or less of it is  
you want it I would give it to you  
but I have written about it in the paper. I  
think I will write you about it soon. I  
will take much time if you have not  
written it. I am not at all sure of it  
but my own ground is that I will  
the thing in your hand. I will  
have the thing in your hand. I will  
by writing. I will write you about it  
when I see you. I will write you  
about it in the paper. I will  
for the same of addition and they say we  
will have it again. Now, if that is the case  
to show you that more or less of it is  
you want it I would give it to you  
but I have written about it in the paper. I  
think I will write you about it soon. I  
will take much time if you have not  
written it. I am not at all sure of it  
but my own ground is that I will  
the thing in your hand. I will  
have the thing in your hand. I will  
by writing. I will write you about it  
when I see you. I will write you  
about it in the paper. I will

Big Pink Log.

Some body stole my big black dog  
and I mistimed, being about dark  
I closed the door, and the fence  
and the little one thought this was  
and the other one through the creek  
and the little one through the creek.  
He shared the big pig over the fence  
and the little one through the creek.

I like him a good deal, wife and  
 I are as you are born  
 I wish the doctor in Athens  
 I like him very much, and  
 I wish to see you  
 I wish to see you  
 I wish to see you  
 I wish to see you



And Sunday she says three  
And Sunday she says three  
For every day she says two days  
And Sunday she says three.

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For every day she says two days  
And Sunday she says three.

released. Ind. November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1861

My very Dear Son I set me down to write you  
a few lines to inform you that we are all <sup>well</sup>  
present thank God for his mercies hoping when  
this comes to hand it may find you with all  
the soldiers enjoying the same blessing I have  
not heard from your family some this day  
week they were all well then I received your  
kind letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> which gave me great  
satisfaction to hear that you was well at  
that time all your connection is well as far as  
I know your worthy hostess Stuart N. Lingle wrote  
to his father to send him his trunk Doctor  
Lingle told me if I wanted to send any  
thing that there would be room in the trunk  
so we got your under shirts and socks and  
gloves and put them in the trunk I hope you  
will get them I know you will get them if Richard  
gets the trunk if you should need any article  
of clothing let me know it and if there is any  
chance to send I will send what ever you  
need I have nothing that would interest you to  
write if you get in a battle I hope you will be success-  
ful if you only get Bullets and Braknicks  
and sold. Beef Marshalls head I shall feel much  
gratified Samuel Messer has just now heard  
me all from you stating that you are well and  
well satisfied and I have gather you was about

To move I suppose you will go to Bolanquin  
there you will be apt to meet Bulance if he  
don't fight you there he will retreat to  
Cumbalangap if he don't fight you there  
he won't fight you any more

I will now close by subscribing my self  
your most affectionate Father til death

F. J. Lewis

Ally F. Thomas Lewis  
from his father



Chester Dec 22 1861

Dear I take pen in hand at ye hour  
that I am ~~not~~ <sup>very</sup> well and I hope  
when these few lines comes to hand may  
find ye in the same health. I was <sup>very</sup> when  
Henry's brother was ~~here~~ <sup>here</sup> brot home a corpse. and  
all the boys ar well around here as far  
as I know I am going to school. and I  
dont know how long it will be till I  
will have to go to I am not a failure  
to go. and if I have to you I dont know  
what I would do for light and butter  
and molasses. us boys have a company  
and evr sater evening we muster I even  
you to wit soon as ye can  
So nothing more at present

A Mc Lewis to W. C. Cushman

Treasurer Orange Co.

Treasurer of Orange County

STRAITMAN & BRO.,  
AGENTS FOR  
Old Hickory Farm Wagons,  
TIGER AND MANNY MACHINES,  
Plows and all kinds Hay Rakes. Also Agts.  
for Springfield Engine and Thresher Co.

Campbellburg, Ind. Feb 9 1857

Received of Taylor Surgeon  
 Thirty six Dollars  $36^{\frac{55}{100}}$  in a  
 John Surgeson account  
 Attest. 4 Dec

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

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Paoli, Orange County, Ind., April 15 1889.

Rate, 1.00. Poll, 2.00.

Received of

John A. Ferguson

Three

76 DOLLARS,

APRIL INSTALLMENT for the year 1888, for State, County, Township, School, Local Tuition, Special School, Additional Special School and Dog Tax, on Poll and Personal Property, and on the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

[illegible]

Wm. B. Barford, Printer, Indianapolis.

Joseph F. Child

[illegible]



New Albany Aug. 17/60.  
Dra. J. S. Lewis:-

Your letter post marked  
this day, was recd. a few  
moments ago. I told you  
that I could pay you off  
when I collected my sale  
money, which would be  
due the 1st of June. But  
a large portion of that has  
not yet been paid in,  
still I can pay you a  
part of it now. I will  
be up on my way to see  
my mother, on Monday the  
24<sup>th</sup> inst. if you will be  
at the depot at Orleans, as the  
noon cars pass up on that  
day, or have Uncle Sam  
to be there, I will hand  
you all I have, and will  
get the balance for you in  
time to meet your case.

is I shall call at Boston  
either going or coming, and  
I think I can get the bal-  
ance.

We are all well.

Yours truly

J. M. Matthews

(Don't send this to Mr. Taylor)  
Dear John & Taylor Ferguson

Parsons City, Labette Co.  
Kansas June 2<sup>d</sup> 1879

Dear Friends

I have been trying for a long time  
to write to you, but something has always  
happened that I have not wrote to but  
few of the Old Friends back there.  
I have worked from Monday morn  
untill Saturday night ever since  
we have been out here. I worked all  
winter in the timber making rails  
and posts and saw logs and when we  
got our logs to the mill there come a  
come a freshet and the raft broke into  
and swept away 17 of the best logs that  
we had. and when plowing time  
come I put in 16 Acres of Oats and  
18 of Corn and quite a large garden &  
you see there has not been much rest  
for me this summer but Fannie has done  
more work in the garden than she done  
there in the last five years.

well harvest is most through here the wheat  
crop was light but the Oats crop was very  
heavy & withstanding there has been some



Bald engaged at 10<sup>00</sup> for Bushel.

The Corn Crop looks fine. My Corn is very even and is 8 or 10 feet high all over the field. I broke the ground very deep and tilled it like I did those Old Fields back there and I tell you that Black ground is what makes Corn come to time but is a great drawback here as well as there we have no shade trees to get under and there is no stump to hit the plow against to knock the dirt off of we have a few rocks but they are very scarce and what there is is just no spots.

you ought to be out here to hunt Chickens the young ones are large enough to fry now I have not been hunting yet but want to go as soon as I can. I still have the Shot Gun I got and last winter I killed a good many Chickens. I was hauling last winter Fannie would go with me a little ways to where they were and we would drive up close to them and I would shoot out of the wagon I most always got one and it would do me until the next morning and we would get another but I have never been on a regular hunt yet.

Well you ought to be out here and see the amount of grass there is out here and getting to eat it if I had a few hundred dollars to invest in Cattle I could live at my ease in a few years it don't take much to keep Cattle here like it does back there and Texas Steers five years old are only worth from 10 to 15 Dollars here the 1<sup>st</sup> of November and they will bring from 30 to 40 Dollars next year I imagine that I would like to have 100 head of Steers roaming over this grand Prairie well I have not told you about our young City of Parsons it is more than as large again as it was when we came here the R. R. Company are putting three machine shops and Round House here the Round house is it to hold 28 Engines it is to be built of stone with an iron roof there is one of the shops commenced it is 250 x 125 feet square they say it will take over a 1000 hands to build them when they are all finished you see that will make quite a place of it self there is over 50 stores of all kinds there and 400 or 500 Taverns there

well taken if you and Fay both were out  
here I could talk you for the next week.  
To come Marnie says that she wants  
to write some so I will quit for this  
time  
Yours Truly  
L. Williams

Dear Grandma,

As Uriah is writing I will tell you &  
Ella about the beautiful Prairie flowers. The whole Prairie  
that is not cultivated is as full of all kinds & colors  
of flowers as the beds along your garden walk. I look &  
look till my eyes hurt & then can't see half of them. I do  
wish I could put a fresh bouquet in your hands. Uriah  
brings Marnie arm loads almost every time he comes to the  
house. but the hot weather is speaking. When cool, I have a  
hundred chickens only bought & then I have had green  
corn & cabbage for two weeks. but I would love to take  
some cherries with you. I almost get homesick when  
I think of fruit. but it will not be many years till  
we can have plenty too. Some of our peach trees have  
few on them this year. Marnie says she remembers her nice  
Grandma that used to give her bread & sugar. & Ella & Johnnie  
too. she is going to go to see you all some day. Willie is a great  
big boy runs everywhere and says as few words he is cutting  
up teeth & is. and very well this warm weather. Marnie



October <sup>25</sup>/<sub>21</sub> 1910

Dear sister is a with pleasure  
that I take my pen in hand  
to let you know we are all  
well at present and I  
truly hope when the few  
days come to pass they  
may find you all well  
the relation is all well  
as far as I know.

Joseph & Esther was her  
last winter and they were  
all well then we haven't heard  
from them since and if  
you have heard from them  
please ~~write~~ I want you  
to write and let me know  
if <sup>they</sup> are all well.

Jack is married and has a big  
boy and his name is pleasant.  
Love

the best of health and doing  
 well at school. I want  
 you to write and let me  
 know how your children  
 are getting along and if  
 they have all left you  
 yet or not. My health  
 is better for ~~the last~~  
 than it has been for  
 many years. I want  
 to know how old the first  
 is today and how far in the  
 house still has been since  
 and how much of the  
 kind was and if he has got  
 his tonsils out this week.  
 I want you to ~~know~~  
 to write as soon as you get  
 word from me about the  
 house you are in or how long  
 as we are at present.  
 I hope to leave tomorrow  
 for Sharah Langdon

Dear cousin, it is really  
 very much to be desired  
 that you get home to see  
 you know I am sure at least  
 and I really hope to see you  
 five times more before I  
 they are kind you in saying  
 the same blessing  
 I want you to be about  
 I have for the first time  
 and I want to know the  
 together I want you to be  
 me know if you have got  
 I want to be to see the  
 girls they want I want  
 you to come out and see  
 us and being young  
 whether or not has to  
 be to know I want to  
 see mother and I want  
 like to be and see  
 the rest.

well I will hasten  
to bring my letter to  
a close for this time  
for it is almost twelve  
a clock for if I don't  
go to bed party time  
it will be no more  
to go to write please  
excuse my hasty writing  
no more at present  
write soon

Cynthia Ellen Elgar  
to Taylor Jackson





**ANDREW JOHNSON.**

**SEVENTEENTH PRESIDENT.** Served three years and eleven months. In 1864 he was elected Vice-president on the Lincoln ticket. When Mr. Lincoln died, April 15, 1865, Mr. Johnson became President. Born at Raleigh, N. C., December 29, 1808. Died at Greenville, Tennessee, July 31, 1875. He served as State Senator, Congressman, Governor of Tennessee, United States Senator, and Military Governor under President Lincoln.



**RUTHERFORD B. HAYES.**

**NINETEENTH PRESIDENT.** Served four years. In 1876 he was nominated for President by the Republicans. The election was so uncertain that an electoral commission was created to decide the contest. They voted 8 to 7 in favor of Mr. Hayes. In the Rebellion was Major of the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteers. Was sent to Congress from Ohio, and was twice Governor of that State.



**ULYSSES S. GRANT.**

**EIGHTEENTH PRESIDENT.** Served eight years. Was elected to the Presidency on the Republican ticket in 1868, and again in 1872. Born at Point Pleasant, Ohio, April 27, 1822. In 1840 he entered the West Point Military Academy, graduating in 1843. Served on the Missouri frontier, and in General Taylor's Army in the Mexican War. Was a successful General during the Rebellion.



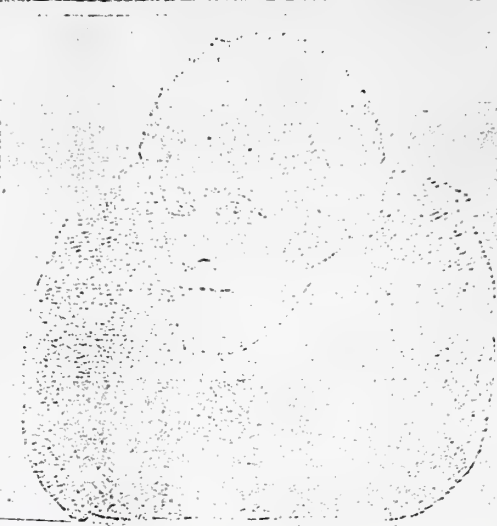
**JAMES A. GARFIELD.**

**TWENTIETH PRESIDENT.** Was elected on the Republican ticket in 1880. Wounded by an assassin in July 2, and died September 19, 1881. He was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, November 19th, 1831. In 1850 was elected a State Senator. In 1861 entered the Union Army and rose to the rank of Major-General. He served in Congress from the 35th to the 40th, and was elevated to the United States Senate.



**JAMES MONROE.**

**FIFTH PRESIDENT.** Served eight years. Was elected in 1817, and again in 1821. Born in Westmoreland County, Va., April 28, 1758. Died in New York City July 4, 1831. During his political career he served as Congressman, Senator, Governor of Virginia, Minister to France, Secretary of State, and Secretary of War. Also fought in the War of the Revolution.



**ANDREW JACKSON.**

**SEVENTH PRESIDENT.** Served eight years. Was elected in 1829, and re-elected in 1833. Born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., March 15, 1767, and died near Nashville, June 8, 1845. Was Congressman and United States Senator from Tennessee; also Justice of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Became a Major-General in 1814, and January 8, 1815, fought his famous battle of New Orleans.



**JOHN QUINCY-ADAMS.**

**SIXTH PRESIDENT.** Served four years. In 1824 Jackson, Adams and Crawford ran for the Presidency, but there being no choice, the succeeding session of Congress gave the office to Mr. Adams, who held it until 1829. Born in Massachusetts July 11, 1767, and died at Washington February 23, 1848. Was also Congressman, Senator, Minister to Holland, Prussia and Russia, and Secretary of State.



**MARTIN VAN BUREN.**

**EIGHTH PRESIDENT.** Served four years. In 1836 was elected Vice-President on the Jackson ticket, and in 1837 was elected President over Harrison. Born at Kinderhook, N. Y., December 5th, 1782. Died at Kinderhook July 24, 1862. He served as Senator and Governor of his native State, and United States Senator; also as Secretary of State under President Jackson, and Minister to England.



### GEORGE WASHINGTON.

**FIRST PRESIDENT.** Served eight years. First inaugurated April 30th, 1789, continuing in office up to 1797. He was born at Westmoreland, Va., February 22d, 1732, and died December 14th, 1799. Commander of the American Army during the Revolutionary War. Of him it has been truly said: "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."




### THOMAS JEFFERSON.

**THIRD PRESIDENT.** Served eight years. Was appointed Secretary of State by President Washington. Was Vice-President in 1797, and Chief Magistrate from 1801 to 1809. Born at Shadwell, Va., April 23, 1743, and died July 4, 1826, at Monticello, Va. In 1775 he was elected a member of the Continental Congress, and in 1776 drafted the Declaration of Independence.



### JOHN ADAMS.

**SECOND PRESIDENT.** Served four years. Was elected Vice-President under Washington, and succeeded him in 1797. Born in Massachusetts, October 19, 1735. Died July 4, 1826, a few hours after President Jefferson breathed his last. Was a powerful advocate for the independence of the colonies, aided in forming the Federal Congress in 1774, and in preparing the Declaration of Independence.



### JAMES MADISON.

**FOURTH PRESIDENT.** Served eight years. His term of office extended from 1809 to 1817. Born at King George, Va., March 16, 1751, and died June 28, 1836. In 1787, at Philadelphia, assisted in framing the Federal Constitution, and in 1789 became a member of the first American Congress. His administration was distinguished by the second war with Great Britain, 1812 to 1814.





CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

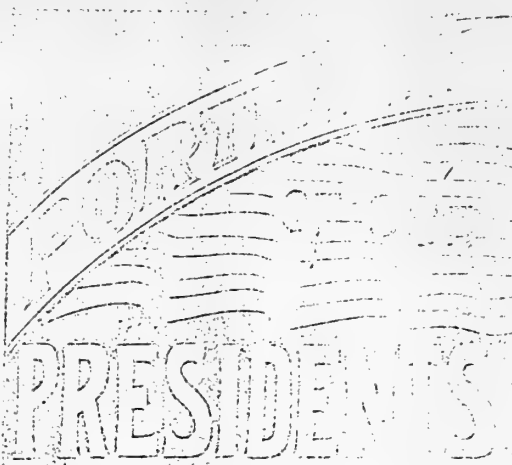
TWENTY-FIRST PRESIDENT. Was elected Vice-President on the Republican ticket in 1880, and became President by succession at the death of President Garfield, September 19, 1881. Born in Fairfield, Franklin County, Vermont, in 1831. During the Rebellion served as Quartermaster-General, Adjutant-General and Inspector-General of State Troops. Was Collector of Customs, port of New York, under Grant.

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I Jeremiah Wilson Clerk of the Probate  
Court in and for the County of Orange  
and State of Indiana, do hereby certify  
that administration of the goods, chattels,  
rights, credits, moneys and effects which  
were of Depe Hargerson late of  
Orange County deceased, who died intestate  
was granted unto William S. Hargerson  
and that said William S. Hargerson  
having qualified and given Bond as such  
administrator duly authorized to take  
upon himself the administration of such  
estate according to law.

Witness my hand and the Seal  
of said Court this 15 day of  
Oct in the year of our  
Lord one Thousand eight hun-  
dred and forty five  
Jeremiah Wilson Clerk

My dear Mr. Leslie  
As I have thinking  
of the Leslie's  
interest in the Kincaid  
place I want to know  
what is the least that will  
satisfy you and your partners  
and interest. Cordie has two  
shares and wants \$2.00 for  
a share. Please write me  
immediately what you  
decide to do and oblige  
John B. Ferguson (son)  
Broomfield, Ind.

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James H. Scott

State of Indiana Washington County

Be it remembered that the within named James H. Scott came this day, personally came before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County of Washington and acknowledged that he did sign, seal and deliver the within instrument as his act and deed, for the purpose therein specified.

Given under my hand and seal this 3 day  
March 1838

Forwards Testimony

State of Indiana

Washington County I, J. P. the undersigned, clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Washington, do certify, that I received before whom the foregoing Certificate of acknowledgment was made, was at the time of making the same, and there is an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, duly sworn, qualified and full of age and credit is due to all his official acts as such, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 3 day of March 1838

James H. Scott Clerk

James H. Scott  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Washington County  
Indiana  
March 3 1838  
Filed for record  
March 3 1838  
James H. Scott  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Washington County  
Indiana  
March 3 1838

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Domestic Bill

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I have a honor to certify

that this is the same person as Henry and John  
et Henry his wife formerly of the County of  
acting Justice of the peace in and for said county  
and after briefly examining the above stated papers  
and a deed from both of them both acknowledged the  
within deed of conveyance to be their voluntary act  
and deed for the purposes therein contained given under  
my hand and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1832

Samuel O. Wells  
J.P.

Know all men by these that I, John  
Stoddard of the county of Nyo and State

Indiana for and in consideration of the  
sum of five hundred <sup>dollars</sup> lawful money of  
the United States the receipt whereof is hereby  
acknowledged have given granted sold  
and sold and by these presents do give grant  
 bargain sell release and confirm unto Life  
Ferguson a certain piece or parcel of land  
lying and being in the county of Orange and  
State aforesaid and known and designated  
as being a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section  
nineteen in Township two North of Range two  
East containing forty acres and lying and bounded as  
follows beginning at the wither tree on the east and  
west line of said section on a dog nose thence with  
the line South eighty three and one half degrees  
west eighty three and one half degrees west eighty  
five paces to a stake thence South eight degrees  
East twenty five paces and one fourth to a stake  
thence North eighty three and one half degrees  
East eighty five paces to a stake thence a  
direct course to the place of beginning —

To have and to hold the above granted  
and bargained premises with the profits  
and appurtenances thereof and thereto belong  
to him the said Life Ferguson his heirs



assigns to his and their own proper  
use benefit and behoof forever and I the  
said Andrew Mundell for my self my heirs  
executors and administrators do covenant to  
and with the said Jesse Ferguson his heirs  
executors and administrators that at and until  
the ensuing 1<sup>st</sup> of April I am lawfully seized and  
possessed of the premises in fee simple  
that I have good right and lawful author-  
-ity to sell and convey the same to the  
said Jesse Ferguson in manner and form  
afore said that said premises are free and  
clear of all incumbrances and that I  
will warrant and defend the same to the  
said Jesse Ferguson his heirs and assigns  
against all lawful claims and demands  
of any person or persons whatsoever  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and seal this eighteenth day of  
March in the year of our Lord one thousand  
Eight hundred and thirty seven  
Signed and sealed in presence of

Andrew Mundell

C. J. Riley  
A. J. Riley



File of Indiana Orange County  
Before me the undersigned one of the  
acting Justices of the peace in and for said  
County this day personally came the within  
named Andrew Blundell and acknowledged  
the within deed of conveyance to be his free  
will act and deed for the use and benefit  
as therein mentioned voluntarily here-  
and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> March 1837.

E. Riley JP &c. Jno

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Copied for

Miss Thompson

Section 19

This indenture made this 10th day of August  
on the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and thirty four between Daniel M. Stuart and  
Maranda Stuart his wife of the County of Orange  
and State of Virginia of the first part and  
Robert E. Clifton of the second part and covenants  
and conditions of full and chief effect the second part  
witnesseth that the parties of the first part  
for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred  
dollars in hand to them paid the receipt whereof is  
her by acknowledged and sold unto the said Robert E.  
Clifton all that tract or parcel of land  
situated and lying in the County of Orange  
and State of Virginia bounded to the East by the  
line of the said Maranda or her the said tract of  
land is known and designated by the words  
as follows to wit the south East forty of section  
number one of the 1st Range north of range two east

and in the district of land  
known as said at Jeffersonville to gether  
with all and singular their premises with the  
appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said  
Robert E. Clifton his heirs and assigns forever and  
the parties of the first part in witness whereof  
have hereunto set their hands and seals and the  
claims of all other persons and in view thereof  
warrant and defend for ever unto the said

Robert E. Clifton his heirs and assigns nothing is here  
the parties of the first part have hereunto set their  
hands and seals the day and date above written

The presence of  
James J. Ferguson  
Jesse Ferguson

Daniel M. Stuart  
Maranda Stuart



State of Indiana, Adams County  
 October the 1831  
 This day personally appeared before me John Smith  
 a justice of the peace for Adams County Indiana  
 Daniel H. Stout and Maria Ann Stout his wife  
 she being of sound mind and age and apart from  
 her husband according to law solemnly the said  
 did to be their own free will and voluntary consent  
 given under my hand and seal this day and date  
 a true record  
 John Smith J. P.

No 2

R. L. Cuttons  
 Decd to  
 Daniel Stout

Filed February 15<sup>th</sup>  
 1838

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 office at Pauli Orange  
 County Indiana

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Copy to Wm. Simpson

Bedford Ave. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Mrs. Harriet Lewis:-

News of 5<sup>th</sup> inst. is to hand and contains details. I am very sorry to hear of your affliction, and I would mention you to health and happiness if I could. As to what I owe you, I think you are not aware of all the facts in the case. When your husband Thomas Lewis, came over to see me about it, he assured me that I should not be troubled about it. And so we made the calculation of the interest at 10 per cent, and I gave him a new note. He immediately left the note with Carlton & Parks who brought suit on it, the first court I could have reduced the judgment to 4 per cent, on the whole amount of interest included in the note but I did not do it. The principal has been more than paid, and most that now remains unpaid is the excess of interest, that he could not have collected by law, if I had been disposed to resist it, but as I had agreed to pay it with the promise of all the time I wanted to do it in, I did not resist it.

I have paid between thirty and forty dollars on the judgment including two years taxes on your farm, which receipts I sent to Mr. Hatten Lewis. And I would have paid it all off, if I could, long ago.



But I was broke up, losing every  
thing almost, and I have a sickly  
wife, who has not seen a single well  
day for 25 years. All my sons  
went into the army, and one was  
disabled by vaccination, and was dis-  
charged, in a condition not able to  
work, another one lost his right  
arm, and is also at <sup>home</sup> main-  
tained for  
life, and of course unable to work.  
In going after them, bringing them  
home &c, I was compelled to spend  
over \$100, a part of which was  
made up by contrabution by the  
brethren here, who know my circum-  
stances. My youngest son is still at  
Richsburg, and I know not what  
additional expense I may yet have to  
incure in his case.

When I reflect upon all these  
things, and the fact that I have, all  
still my entire life for 32 years, to  
preaching the gospel, almost without  
change, it does seem to me a little  
hard that I should in my old  
age, in crippled circumstances, be  
denied, annoyed, and threatened  
as you have done; and you I be-  
lieve a Christian too! The cost you  
have already put upon me in the  
court, on judgement & Execution, is  
considerable. Some \$8. or \$10. Now with all  
these facts before you, take your own course.

I will try to have Mr. Pauls, some money  
for you - the day. As ever, J. M. Mathes.



Lancaster N.H. 1862

Dear Aunt it is with great pleasure  
that I write you a few lines to  
let you hear from us. my health  
is very bad the most of my time  
my side pains me very much. I was very  
poorly about two weeks ago I am better  
now my health has him so poorly  
I have him able to do much for  
at year Mother health has him  
very bad ever since last spring  
she has not set up but three or four  
days since the 25 of August but is  
improving very slow her disease  
cant be cured for some time  
yet but Eliza is very poorly  
and she has him sick ever since last  
winter some times he cant walk  
in his buggy our Dear Brother  
David is dead he died last March  
with the measles the most of the  
relations is all well so far as  
I know Abigail is married she  
married the 22 of October his name  
is James Alexander Stark he was  
an widower he was 30 last Monday  
he did not have any children  
he was a baptis preacher  
she lives 10 miles and the other side  
of line she lives off twelve miles from  
Mother I have not much to write at this  
time I want you to write to me and  
tell all of you children to write

to me and write often for  
I do want to hear from you all  
father wrote you a letter a long  
time ago and had not got an answer  
yet nothing more at present  
only reminds you of Stephen until  
death fair well my dear aunt  
and cousin for this time I hope  
to hear from you soon

James M. Elgar Jr

Sarah Ferguson

father wants you to write to him  
and let him know when when you  
heard from the boys that is in the  
army and how gads glouce folks is



December 11th 1861

My dear husband I take my pen in hand to let  
you know that I am ill at present and  
I hope that when these few lines reach you  
they will find you in the same happy  
I don't get any letter from you in three  
weeks and I don't know what is the reason  
and I have wrote 8 in that time if I don't  
get one I can't write to you I had your  
letter of Monday evening after I lost  
the Ward and Miss Thomas says to mother  
on Sunday I was so crazy that I went to  
Lancaster yesterday and then today I come  
down to be as to night and we are all tipsy  
I sent you paper and envelope to you and I  
want to know if it have hurt your feelings about  
or if I have hurt them or not the reason  
that I did not send you the letter is because  
I thought I wanted to send some I don't want  
you to think I had of one for not return  
because you don't get one I was kept  
late than we thought for the night was very  
disagreeable about the little William that he  
wants mother wants him to write to her  
and she don't eat any thing she don't eat two  
bites a day I have got my business and a  
few stamps out of your coat pocket and that  
is all I have sent to you at the times to me  
if you want mine and Sarah I don't like  
if you did I will send them to you Sarah  
she is as fat as a little pig I am more at pre-  
sent remain yours truly Wife until  
death  
Witness by mirror to the  
patric















